

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claim 19, and the acknowledgement of allowable subject matter in claims 2, 3, 7, 10, 13 and 16. The present amendment accepts allowable subject matter, without raising new issues. Accordingly, entry of this amendment and allowance are respectfully requested.

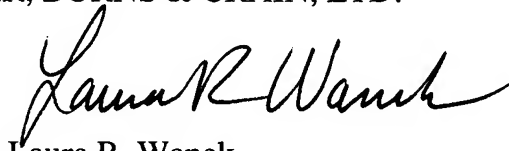
Claims 1, 4-6, 8-9, 11-12, 14-15, 17-18 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ferguson ('422) in view of Nonomura et al. ('021). To expedite prosecution, Applicants cancelled claims 1, 4-6, 8-9, 11-12, 14-15, 17-18 and 20.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants believe that this case is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The Examiner should call Applicants' attorney if an interview would expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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